

To Payette National Forest Service Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a positive effect on our area. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be significantly higher than typical jobs in Valley County that revolve around the government or service industry. The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions. As this project slowly grows, housing will become available and more may want to stay.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. Of the alternatives presented, Alternative 2 seems the most sensible approach. It looks like the safest for travel.

Respectfully,  
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